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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during March, 1961, amounted to 35,696 tons compared with 33,210 tons in the previous month and with 38,904 tons in March, 1960.

TABLE 1. Production of Primary (1) Copper, 1959-61

Month	1959	1960	1961
			tons
January	24,321	36,404	36,629
February	27,669	35,824	33,210
March	32,079	38,904	35,696
Total three months	84,069	111,132	105,535
April	31,782	34,967	
May	32,274	37,561	
June	36,631	37,646	
July	35,720	38,452	
August	34,693	37,996	
September	35,388	34,554	
October	35,632	36,182	
November	34,907	38,068	
December	34,173	37,736	
Totals	395,269	444,294	

1 Blister copper, plus recoverable copper in concentrates, matte, etc., exported.

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TABLE 2. Production of Refined Copper, 1959-61

Month	1959	1960	1961
	tons		
January	29,573	31,121	32,867
February	20,675	32,207	30,738
March	29,734	36,759	34,605
Total three months	79,982	100,087	98,210
April	30,571	34,811	
May	30,718	34,068	
June	30,490	35,251	
July	31,965	34,430	
August	28,433	36,789	
September	32,642	35,947	
October	34,240	37,263	
November	31,682	33,458	
December	34,643	34,297	
Totals	365,366	416,401	

TABLE 3. Exports of Copper in Ores, Matte, Ingots, etc., 1961

Month	In ores, concentrates and scrap (copper content)		In Refinery shapes	
	tons	\$	tons	\$
January	6,292	2,836,867	31,838	17,973,356
February
March
Total three months				

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TABLE 4. Consumption (1) of Refined Copper, 1960 and 1961

Month	1960	1961
	tons	
January	10,250	9,233
February	11,402	9,969
March	10,986	11,863
Total three months	32,638	31,065
April	10,734	
May	10,387	
June	10,327	
July	4,150	
August	10,306	
September	8,725	
October	10,152	
November	12,486	
December	7,731	
Total	117,636	

1 Producers' shipments to domestic consumers.

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in March, 1961, amounted to 17,397 tons compared with 17,168 tons in the previous month and with 17,781 tons in March, 1960.

TABLE 5. Production of Nickel (1) 1959-61

Month	1959	1960	1961
		tons	
January	8,072	17,399	18,514
February	12,640	16,435	17,168 ^r
March	14,947	17,781	17,397
Total three months	35,659	51,615	53,079
April	15,518	17,524	
May	16,647	17,207	
June	16,624	18,382	
July	16,219	17,821	
August	16,804	19,142	
September	16,225	18,185	
October	17,232	18,005	
November	16,916	17,679	
December	18,711	19,214	
Totals	186,555	214,774	

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1 Refined nickel and nickel in oxide produced, plus recoverable nickel in matte exported.

TABLE 6. Exports of Nickel in Ores, matte, oxides, ingots, etc., 1961

Month	In ores concentrates matte, oxides (nickel content)		In ingots, cathodes anodes, etc.	
	tons	\$	tons	\$
January	12,933	17,739,565	10,139	13,338,018
February
March
Total three months				

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